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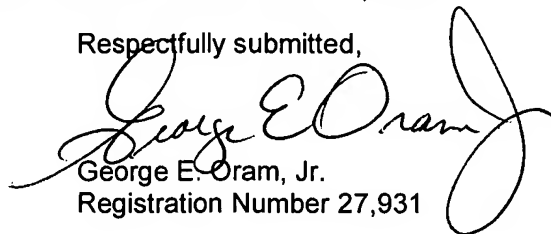
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The additional references are cited in Finnish Office Actions dated February 12, 2004, and May 18, 2005, for corresponding Finnish Patent Application Number 20030855. Copies of the U.S. patent references are not enclosed in view of the recent changes in U.S. patent rules effective October 21, 2004.

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